

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Final Office Action dated January 22, 2009 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-12 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is amended to correct typographical errors. Claim 11 is canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10 and 12 remain currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pre Grant Publication No. 2005/0064233 to Matsuura et al. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-10 and 12 are allowed.

By way of the foregoing amendment to claims, rejected claim 11 is canceled, and the allowed claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10 and 12 remain currently pending.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If these are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-2353. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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